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Gang Training For An Unusual Audience: Faith-Based Leaders as Well as Police Officers

***Saturday, April 14 from 9-1 at Empowerment Temple
In Northwest Baltimore***

TOWSON, MD (April 13, 2007)---The Advanced and Specialized Training Unit of the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions will be leading a gang education summit tomorrow for an unusual audience: not only police officers, but church leaders and faith-based participants as well.

Impressed by the gang training efforts of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS), Baltimore Circuit Court Judge David Young asked DPSCS to offer training for faith-based organizations. Tomorrow's training will include DPSCS agencies the Division of Correction, Division of Parole and Probation, and the Police and Correctional Training Commissions, as well as Maryland State Police.

DPSCS has been very active statewide in helping law enforcement agencies learn about gangs and gang-related problems. The Division of Correction's (DOC) multi-day 2006 gang summit brought together several hundred police officers from all over Maryland.

Tomorrow's participants are expected to include 20-30 faith-based men and women, including members of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance in Baltimore, and 25-30 police officers, school resource officers, and investigators.

When: Saturday, April 14 from 9 to 1

**Where: Empowerment Temple, 4221 Primrose Avenue in Northwest
Baltimore**

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